

CONTACT

No. 1453 – Friday 25th January 2019



Dear Parents and Pupils,



Prefect Application – I cannot believe it is that time of year again but next Wednesday, during my assembly, I will be speaking to the Year 10 students about the Prefect application process which is to open shortly (all details will be on the VLE next week). Those wishing to be considered for the position of Prefect and therefore take part in the trial period later in February, must submit their application electronically and by the deadline of **09:10am on Monday 11th February**. Good luck!

New building – work is progressing well with the new build and the site is now very busy with many different trades. However, as a result, earlier this week some disruption was caused to our alarm system. A temporary fault caused the lockdown alarm to sound in some but not all parts of the building. As this was not a drill nor a real event, only some staff and students experienced the drill and not others. In school we have both a fire alarm system and an alarm in the case of the need to lockdown the school rather than evacuate the building and we plan to run through procedures with students after Headteacher's assemblies next week. Thank you for your continued understanding with any further disruption that may occur in the forthcoming exciting months as we move into the final phase of the extension of our school.



Twitter – Our new Twitter page is up and running, giving parents the opportunity to keep up to date with all the latest news, and photos of events. Please follow us @stmwestcliff or click [here](#)



Ten:Ten Theatre - We were pleased to welcome Ten:Ten Theatre into school on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. Students in all year groups attended a workshop led by a facilitator where themes were explored through film and discussion. These presentations are part of the RSE programme (Relationships and Sex Education) Students will have an opportunity to deepen their understanding of the themes explored



within an RE lesson. If you would like to know more about our provision for our RSE programme you may read our policy by clicking [here](#) or visit Ten:Ten at www.tententheatre.co.uk.

Closure of School due to Bad Weather and Other Reasons – This week, all parents/cares should have received a letter via SchoolComms giving details of the procedures to be followed in the event of the school being closed due to bad weather or other reasons. Please make sure that you have received this letter from your son or daughter. It will give you details of the radio stations which broadcast the messages about school closures. In the event of closure during the day, a notice will also be posted on the school website, and also on our new [Twitter](#) page @stmwestcliff

Weekly Prayer

Dear Jesus, you are the Prince of Peace.

*You taught that we should not try to get our own back;
not to repay one evil with another, but to love our enemies.*

This is so difficult.

*Help me to be a bridge builder,
but also to have the courage to stand up for what is right.*

Amen

Weekly Mass – Students from Form 10D gathered together in the Chapel to celebrate their Mass at lunchtime along with members of staff. We were pleased to welcome Father Jeff Woolnough. My thanks to all the students who led us in prayer, served at Mass and proclaimed the readings.

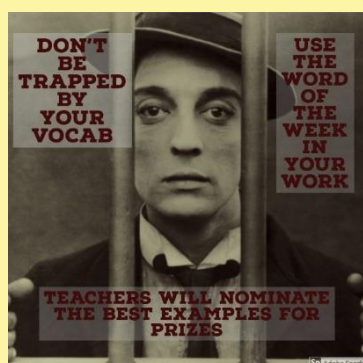
Year 8 Retreat - A letter has been emailed to all parents/carers about the Year 8 Retreat. A reminder that payment is due for this retreat by **Friday 8th February 2019**. All students are expected to attend. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Southend Foodbank - Now that we are well into the New Year, the Foodbank urgently require the following items:-

- tinned carrots,
- sponge puddings
- cereal
- porridge oats
- long life juice and squash
- packets of rice

I am always overwhelmed with the donations that come through to the Chapel and it is always good to support those in our Community who are less fortunate. If students wish to donate any of these items, please place them in the box in their form room or alternatively, bring them down to the Chapel. Mrs Maxfield, Chaplaincy Co-ordinator.

Library Book Donations- I would like to thank everyone who has donated books to the Library, in particular I would like to thank the person who dropped off a selection of brand new books on 23rd January; they will be a wonderful addition to the library. Thank you! Mrs Courtney (Librarian).



Closing the Vocabulary Gap – Word of the Week Don't Be Trapped By Your Vocab!

As part of our school priority to work on closing the vocabulary gap, we are launching a Word of the Week. All staff will encourage students to use the word in their work and they will nominate students who have used the word well in their work – examples will be published in **CONTACT** every week.

We would appreciate your support in this initiative by using the word at home and encouraging your child to use it too. We will release the new word every Friday in **CONTACT**.

As Jennifer Webb states:

'Getting Word of the Week right is establishing vocabulary is something which is more than just a bunch of letters. Words have rich history, power, connotation, and a complex web of linguistic connections which link them all together. It might seem a bit 'fluffy', but done well, it can plant words at the forefront of people's minds, and begin to create a culture of word-awareness'. Mr Jenkins, Teaching and Learning Leader



Year 11 English - We have been fortunate enough to secure a performance of 'A Christmas Carol', one of the GCSE Literature set texts, for Y11 students on Friday 1st February. Renowned Theatre Company Quantum theatre will be

coming into the school to deliver their performance so there will be no travel costs incurred. We believe that this is an excellent way to bring the text to life for students and should help with securing their knowledge of the text. The cost to students is only £6.50 which we feel represents real value for money. Please make payment via Gateway before the 31st of January if you have yet to do so. Mrs Cotgrove, Head of English and Media

Year 10 and 11 'myGCSEscience' subscriptions - I am aware that a number of students have not registered to use the myGCSEscience online resource despite parents paying for it. The codes were issued last term through the school's email system! In the next week or so I will be reissuing the registration codes and instructions. Parents, please keep an eye on your inboxes, especially your junk email folders, so this effective revision resource can be used. The subject header will use "myGCSEscience" to help identify it. This resource will help all students. Mr Clunn.

iDEA Award - The Duke of York Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award, known as iDEA helps equip people to be digital workers, makers, entrepreneurs, gamers and citizens of the future. Collect badges and earn points to gain industry recognised Bronze, Silver or Gold Inspiring Digital Enterprise Awards. Come along Tuesdays 1st half of lunch in CR2 to get started or progress further. Open to Year 7 & 8! Mr Barrett.

English Booster Sessions - KS3 English Booster in E4 between 3.30pm and 4.15pm in E4 on Tuesday 29 January 2019 with Mr Robinson and Mrs Caten.

CAREERS



Over the past few weeks yr 10 students have been logging into KUDOS. Designed to help explore possible career ideas and learn about future options, KUDOS is based on personality likes and dislikes, interest and skills. KUDOS aims to give all the information needed to make important decisions about future careers and what subjects, courses and training can be explored to reach career destinations. 10P will begin their KUDOS journey on Tuesday and there will be catch up sessions for 10D & 10G. If there are any students who have yet to log

on due to absence or who are having trouble accessing the site then please let me know. Mrs Griffiths.

Work Experience Parents Information Evening - Thank you to all parents/carers who braved the cold to attend the Work Experience Information Evening. The power point shown by Miss Corr can be found on the school website along with the three forms that need to be completed and returned by **22nd March 2019**. If you have any further questions please email me or your son/daughter can find me in the Careers office located in the sixth form study area.

<https://www.st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk/index.php/curriculum/careers>

Interested in Engineering? - Latest research in the Southend area reveals that Advanced Engineering (Aviation maintenance repair and overhaul) is set to grow by 2020 with Southend Airport Business park projected to deliver 7,200 additional jobs by 2021. Engineering covers a wide range of careers and the following websites have a range of information for anyone interest in this field of work.

<https://www.tomorrowseengineers.org.uk/students/career-finder/#>

and

<https://www.thisisengineering.org.uk/what-interests-you>




Spanish Club

Practise your Spanish language in MFL1






Club	Day	Time	Who for
Spanish Beginners	Monday	1.35-2.00	Y7-Y8
Spanish Grammar	Tuesday	1.35-2.00	Y9-11
Spanish Revision	Tuesday	3.30-4.30	Y13
Spanish Conversation	Wednesday	1.35-2.00	Y11-Y13
Spanish Revision	Wednesday	3.30-4.30	Y11
Spanish Grammar	Thursday	1.35-2.00	Y8-Y10
Spanish Revision	Thursday	3.30-4.30	Y11

STEM CLUBS

ALL STUDENTS WELCOME



- problem solving
- creativity
- critical analysis
- teamwork
- independent thinking
- initiative
- communication
- digital literacy.

STEM CLUB	Teacher	When	Where	STEM CLUB	Teacher	When	Where
 Astronomy	A. Pierce	Thursday 3.45 - 4.45	Lab 2	 Guardians	S. Jones	Tuesday 3.45 - 4.45	Lab 6
 Programmers	J. Marshall	Tuesday 1.30- 2.30	CR5	 Pathology	J. Dibbens & E. Jones	Tuesday 3.45 - 4.45	Lab 5
 Creative	A. Ackred	Thursday 1.30- 2.30	LAB 9	GREAT NEW CLUBS FOR 2019			

STE(A)M Careers Fair 2019 – Pathways to Your Future – WHSG are hosting a STE(A)M (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths) Fair on 26th February from 4pm – 7pm. Students/Parents should book via: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/south-essex-teaching-school-alliance>

SPORTS NEWS

Year 8 Basketball v Cecil Jones - Coming into the back end of the borough league fixtures, the year 8 squad travelled to Cecil Jones Academy on Monday 21st looking to build some momentum into our 2 tough upcoming fixtures against SHSB and Eastwood. From the get go, the boys were looking very strong, all comfortable on the ball and scoring some excellent baskets. Some great scores from Dylan, Daniel (who scored a jelly? Whatever that is...) and Calton accompanied by an outstanding defensive effort from Kachi, Garen and Seb enabled us to win convincingly against an opposition who fought very hard. Final score – STM 71 – 11 CJ. MVP for the game was Harry W. Well done Harry!

Year 7 Athletics Trainings! - On Wednesday 6th February year 7 will be competing at the Lee Valley Indoor Athletics Centre in a regional competition. This will be the first taster for year 7 into secondary school athletics, therefore there are some impromptu training sessions taking place over the next fortnight, open to all year 7s who wish to give athletics a go and potentially be selected for the 2 teams on the competition day. Training sessions are as follows;

- Wednesday 30th January @ Lunchtime
- Thursday 31st January @ Lunchtime **and** after-school
- Monday 4th February after-school **only**

SPORTS FIXTURES

DATE	FIXTURE	TIME
28/01/2019	NBA Basketball v Woodlands/Shoebury (HOME) Year 7 Athletics training	3:00pm 3:30 – 4:40pm
29/01/2019	Year 8 Basketball v Southend (HOME) Year 9 v Chase (AWAY)	4:00pm 4:00pm
30/01/2019	Year 10 Basketball v Westcliff (AWAY) 1st XI V Brentwood (HOME)	4:00pm 2:00pm
31/01/2019	Year 9 Basketball v Westcliff (AWAY)	4:00pm
01/02/2019	NO FIXTURES	

PE Extra-curricular Timetable Spring 2018

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8.00 - 8.30am	PE DEPARTMENT MEETING	Year 9-11 Handball (SB/CB)	All Years Fitness (CB/SB) Year 7 Futsal (NS)	Year 10 Futsal (EK/SB) GCSE PE Revision (CR8 - CB)	Year 7 & 8 Basketball (CB)
1.40 - 2.20pm	Year 7 & 8 Cricket - Sports Hall (SB/EK) GCSE PE Revision (CR8 - CB)	Sport Scholars Fitness (CB) Year 7, 8 & 9 Table Tennis (SB)	Year 9 Basketball (GL)	Year 7 & 8 Basketball (SB/CB)	Sport Scholar Meeting (CR8 - CB) Racquet Sports (NS)
3.30 - 5.00pm	Year 7 & 8 Rugby (CB) Year 10 & 11 Basketball (GL)	Year 9 Basketball (GL) Year 7 A & Year 8 A Team Football Training (MH/NS/EK/CB)	Year 9 & 10 Football - Week 1 (TW/GD/GW) Year 7 & 8 Rugby (CB) Year 7, 8 & 10 Southend Football - Astro	Athletics Training (CB) Hurdles & Track - Week 1 Throws/Jumps - Week 2	Badminton Club (Week 1 - Years 10 & 11) (Week 2 - Years 7, 8 & 9) (SG/JM)

YEAR 11 REVISION TIMETABLE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
AM	Computer Science - 8.00-8.45am (CR5)	KS5 Spanish - 3.30-4.30 (MFL1) TECH - 8.00-8.30am (TEC3) Computer Science - 8.00-8.45am (CR5)	RE (Judaism & The Themes) - 8.00-8.30 Maths - 8.30-9.05 (sets 2&3)	English - All levels 8.00-8.30am (E5) GCSE/BTEC PE - 8.00-8.30 (CR8) KS4 Spanish - 3.30-4.30 (MFL1)	English - All levels 8.00-8.30am (E1)
LUNCH	English - "Aiming for a level 5" 1.30-2.00pm (E3) Chemistry 1.35-2.05pm (LAB3) GCSE PE – 1:45 – 2:15 (CR8)	Media - Drop in 2.00-2.30pm (CR7) Science - Drop in 1.35-2.10pm (LAB 8)	D&T 1.35-2.20pm (CR8) Biology for Triple Science students - 1.40-2.20pm (LA7) English 2.00-2.25pm (MS1) Maths Set 1 drop in 1:35 – 2:05 (M4)	Science - Drop in 1.35-2.10pm (LAB 8) Geography – 1:45 – 2:30 (G1)	English - Poetry Revision 1.30-2.00pm (TR7) Maths - 'Study club for all' 1.35-2.00pm (M1)
AFTER-SCHOOL	English - All levels 3.30-4.30pm (E5) English - Drop in 3.30-4.30pm (E4) D&T 3.30-4.30 (TEC1 & TEC2) ICT coursework 3.30-4.30pm (CR3) Maths - Foundation 3.30-4.30pm (LAB7) <i>Week 1 only</i> Maths - Set 1 3.30-5.00pm (M2) RE (Catholic Christianity) - 3.30-4.15 (RE3)	English - Drop in 3.30-4.30pm (BS3) English - Levels 5-9 3.30-4.30pm (MS1) Business Studies 3.30-4.30pm (BS1) Business Studies BTEC 3.30-4.30pm (BS2) Food Prep 3.30-4.30pm (Food tech) Maths - Set 3 3.30-5.00pm (M1) Maths - Higher Tier 3.30-4.30pm (M6) Media – 3:30 – 4:30 (E5) D & T - 3:30 – 4:30 (TEC1 & TEC2)	English - All levels 3.30-4.30pm (E6) ICT coursework 3.30-4.30pm (CR3) Food Prep 3.30-4.30pm (Food tech) Maths - Set 2 & 4 3.30-4.30pm (M5) D & T 3:30 – 4:30 (TEC1 & TEC2)	Business Studies 3.30-4.30pm (BS1) Science 3.30-4.40pm (LAB6) Maths - Set 3 3.30-5.00pm (M1) Spanish 3.30-4.30pm (MFL1)	

Week Beginning: 28th January
Rehearsal and Practise Room timetable

Time	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Break	OPEN FOR ALL	OPEN FOR ALL	OPEN FOR ALL	Closed	OPEN FOR ALL
1st Half Lunch	Year 8 Priority	<i>Lit Choir & Year 8 Priority</i>	Year 8 Priority	<i>Variety Show</i>	Closed
2nd Half Lunch	Closed	Closed	Year 8 priority	<i>Variety Show</i>	Closed
After School		Music Academy <i>Week 3</i>	Music Academy <i>Week 3</i>	Year 8 Performance Evening	

Upcoming Dates: 15th February - House Music, 26th February – Year 11 Recording Day, 1st March – Variety Show